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TAGS: GBEN, PFOR, GH

SUBJECT: CONTINENTAL BANK AND BLAY-MIEZAH

REFERENCE: ACCRA 3525

1. COPPOLINO HAS INFORMED DUNN BLAY-MIEZAH IS SEEKING HAVE GOG ARRANGE HIS ACCREDITATION TO USG SO HE CAN AVOID DEPORTATION.
2. GHANA EMBASSY OFFICER TETTEH DELIVERED NOTE TO DESKOFF LATE JUNE 28 STATING IN PART: QUOTE...THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA HAS NOW DECIDED THAT ALL CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING AGAINST DR. JOHN ACKAH BLAY-MIEZAH IN GHANA SHOULD BE FORTHWITH WITHDRAWN AS THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND GROUNDLESS. DR. JOHN ACHAK BLAY-MIEZAH HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED GHANA DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT NO. 000065 AND IS NOW CONSIDERED A WORTHY CITIZEN OF GHANA. IT WILL, THEREFORE, BE APPRECIATED IF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE WILL BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY. UNQUOTE.

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3. TETTEH SAID NO INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM ACCRA RE-

GARDING POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR BLAY-MIEZAH'S ACCREDITATION TO USG. TETTEH SAID GOG REALIZES BLAY-MIEZAH ACQUIRES NO DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES MERELY BY RECEIPT OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

4. DESKOFF INFORMED TETTEH AND ASKED HIM TO REPORT TO HIS EMBASSY THAT WHILE FORMAL POSITION ON BLAY-MIEZAH'S POSSIBLE ACCREDITATION COULD BE MADE ONLY IF A FORMAL ACCREDITATION REQUEST MADE BY GOG, SUCH A REQUEST MIGHT BE A CAUSE FOR EMBARRASSMENT. DESKOFF EXPLAINED THAT USG COULD NOT IGNORE CHARGES AGAINST BLAY-MIEZAH MADE BY PRESENT AND PREVIOUS GHANA GOVERNMENTS. USG ALSO AWARE OF HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN OTHER WEST AFRICAN NATIONS, AS WELL, OF COURSE, OF HIS CRIMINAL RECORD IN THE U.S. PATTERN OF THESE CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES APPEARS MAKE BLAY-MIEZAH AN INAPPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION TO USG.

5. DESKOFF OFFERED REQUEST APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES INITIATE INVESTIGATION OF BLAY-MIEZAH'S CLAIMS, IF SUCH INVESTIGATION DESIRED BY GHANA GOVERNMENT. TETTEH PROMISED RELAY OFFER TO GOG.

6. DUNN REPORTS BLAY-MIEZAH HAS NOT MADE ACCREDITATION TO USG A CONDITION FOR HIS CONTINUED COOPERATION IN EFFORTS TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM SWITZERLAND. DUNN AND COPOLLINO NOW SCHEDULED DEPART PHILADELPHIA JUNE 30 FOR ZURICH.

7. EMBASSY MAY WISH INFORM DEBRAH OF POSITION OUT-LINED PARA FOUR AND OF OFFER CONTAINED PARA FIVE.

8. EFFORTS BY USG AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN LAYMAN AND NKRUMAH REMAIN UNSUCCESSFUL. SISCO

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